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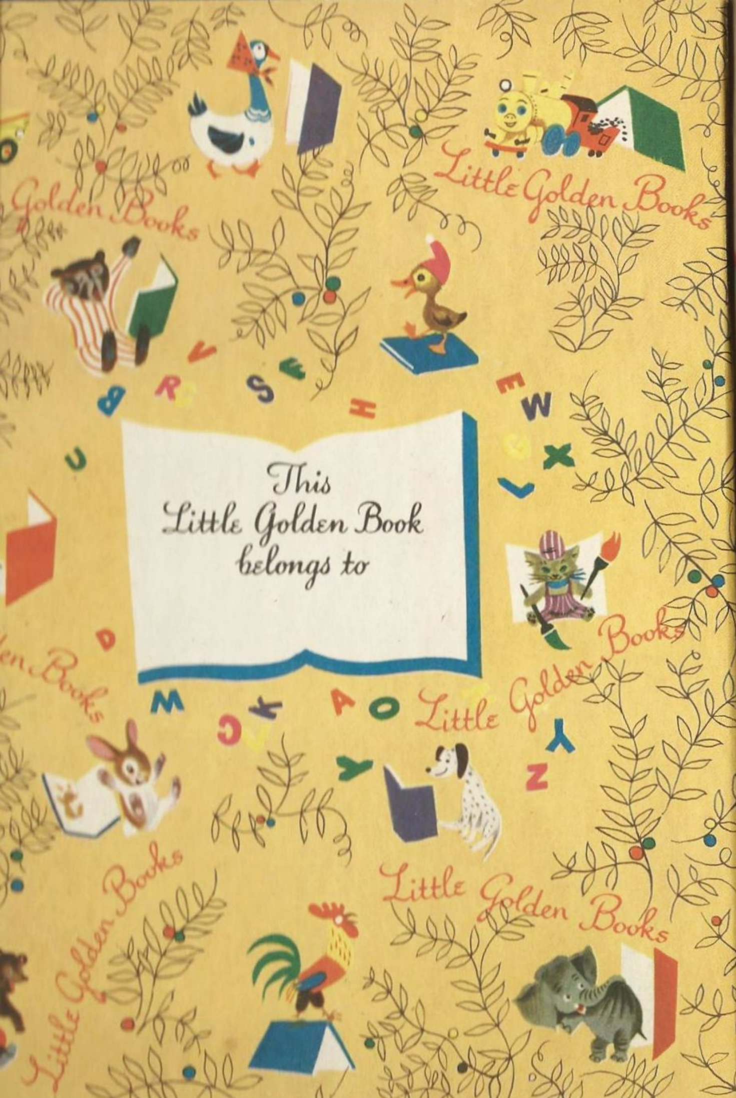
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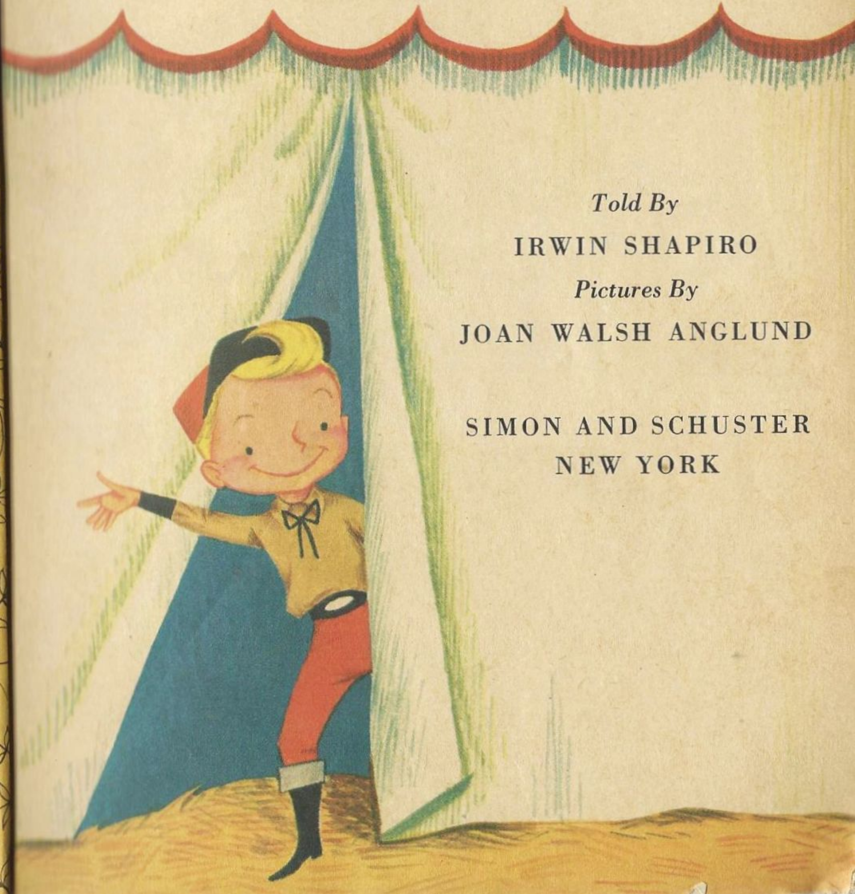

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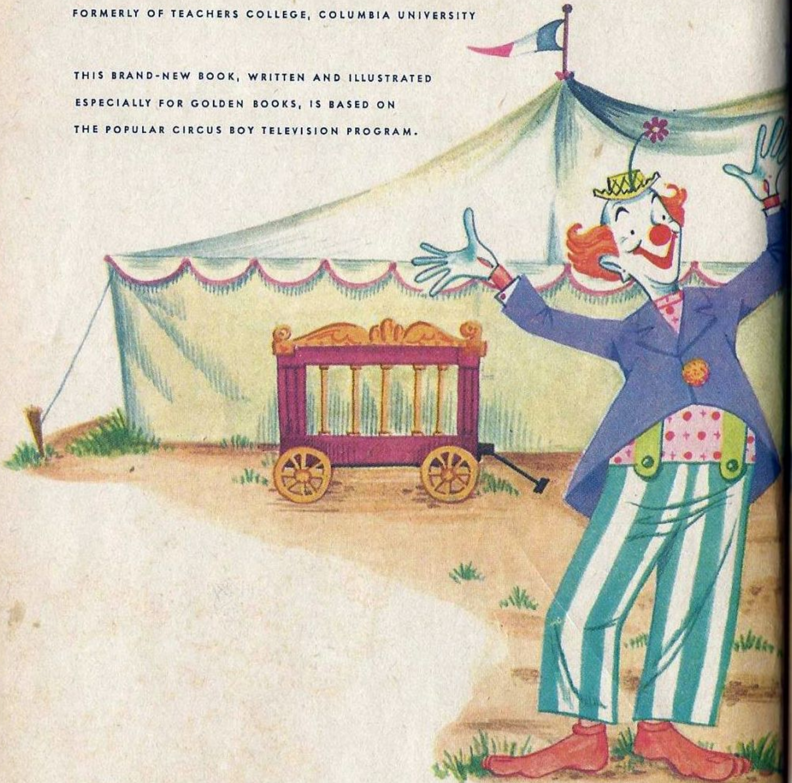

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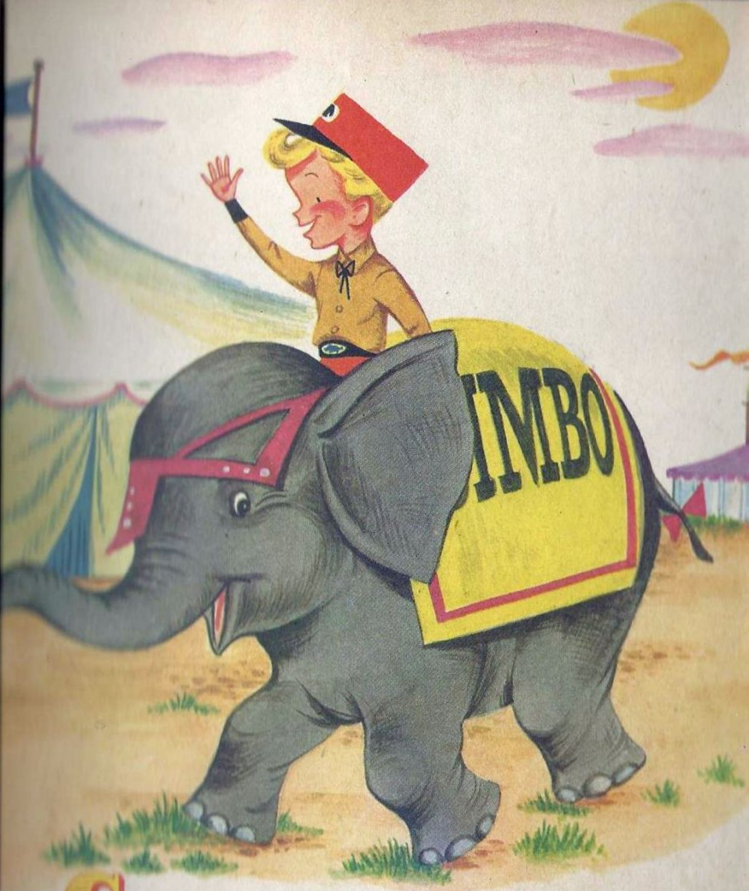
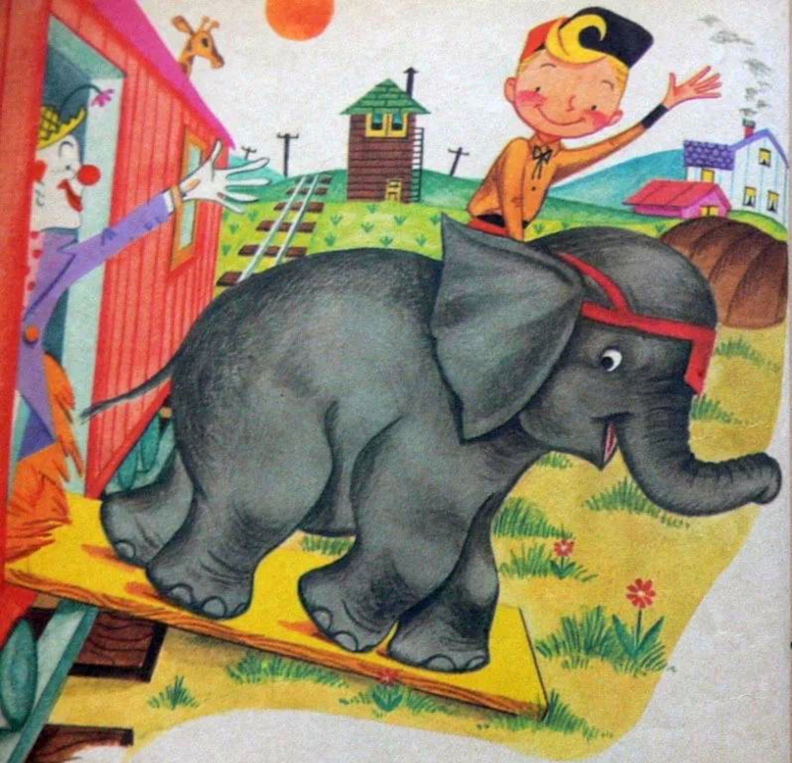
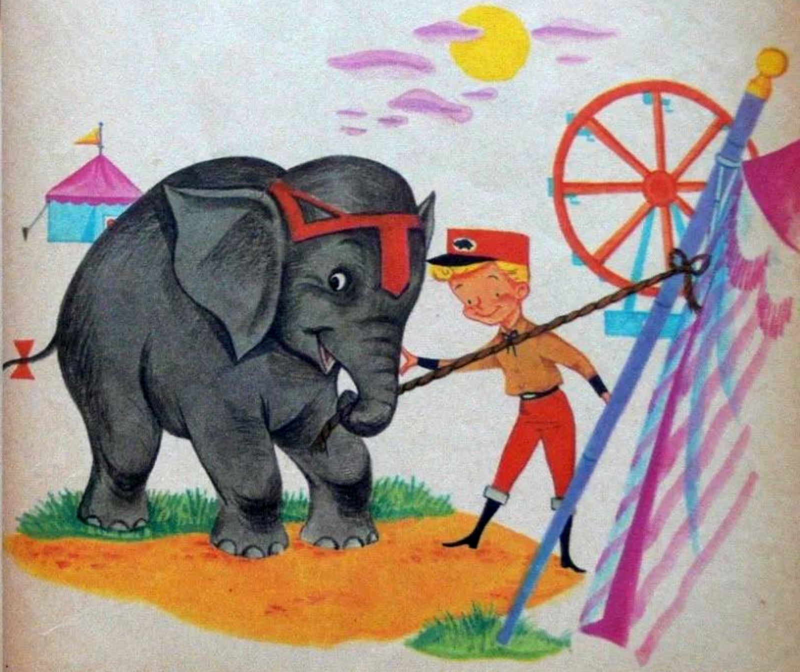


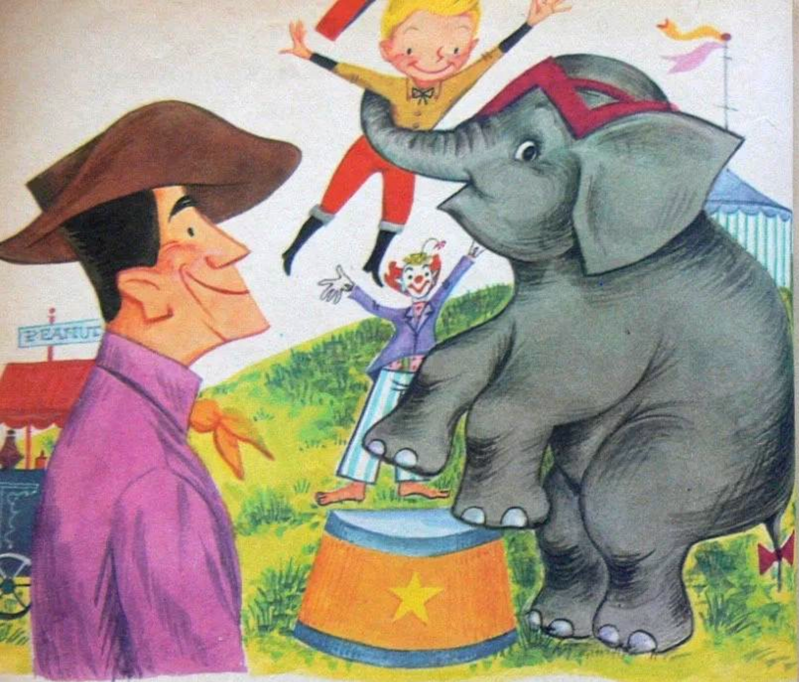
Corky had grown up with the circus. He was friends with everybody—and especially with Joey the clown.



One day the circus arrived in Centerville, and the circus people hurried to get things ready for the big show. Corky rode off the train on the back of Bimbo, a baby elephant.

Corky led Bimbo to the men who were putting up the tall pole for the big tent. Like Sally and Nelly, the two big elephants, Bimbo knew what to do. He helped to move the poles by pulling on a rope he held in his trunk.





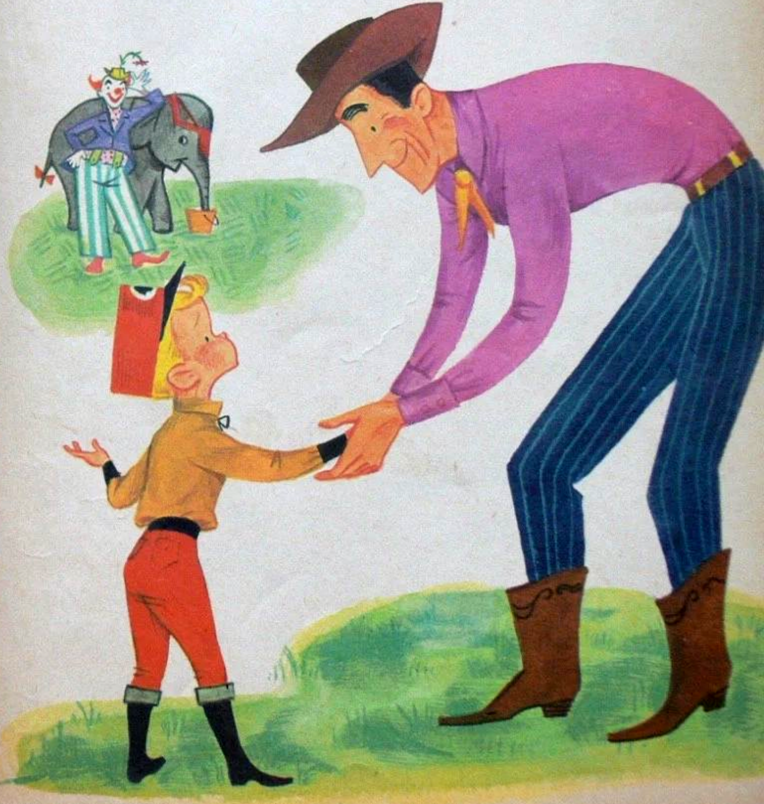
Bimbo knew all kinds of stunts, too, just like the big elephants.

As they were practicing, Big Tim Champion, the owner of the circus came walking by.

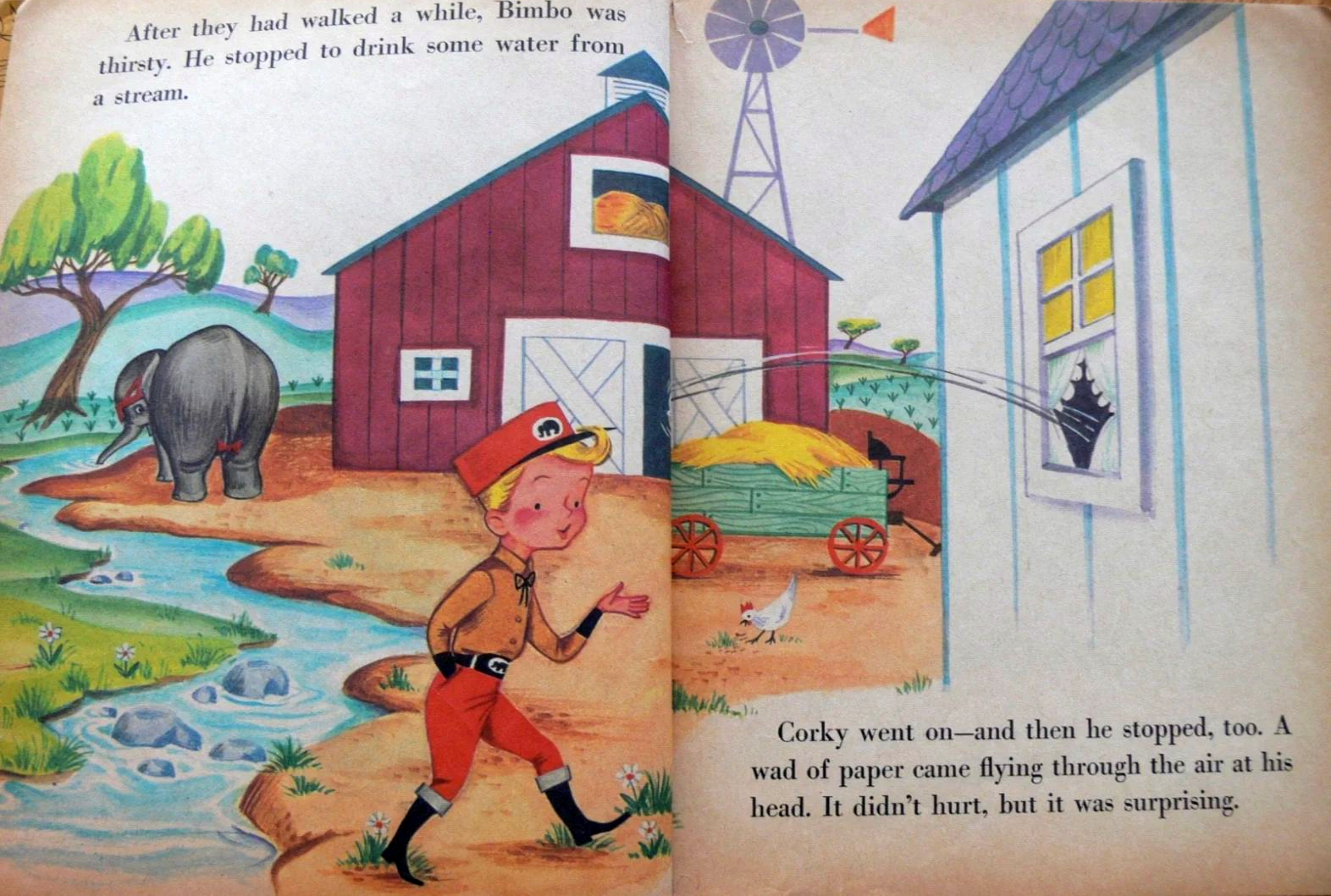
"Hi, Mr. Champion!" Corky said. "When are you going to let Bimbo and me do our act?"

Big Tim laughed. "Some day, Corky—but not yet. You and Bimbo are the babies of the circus."

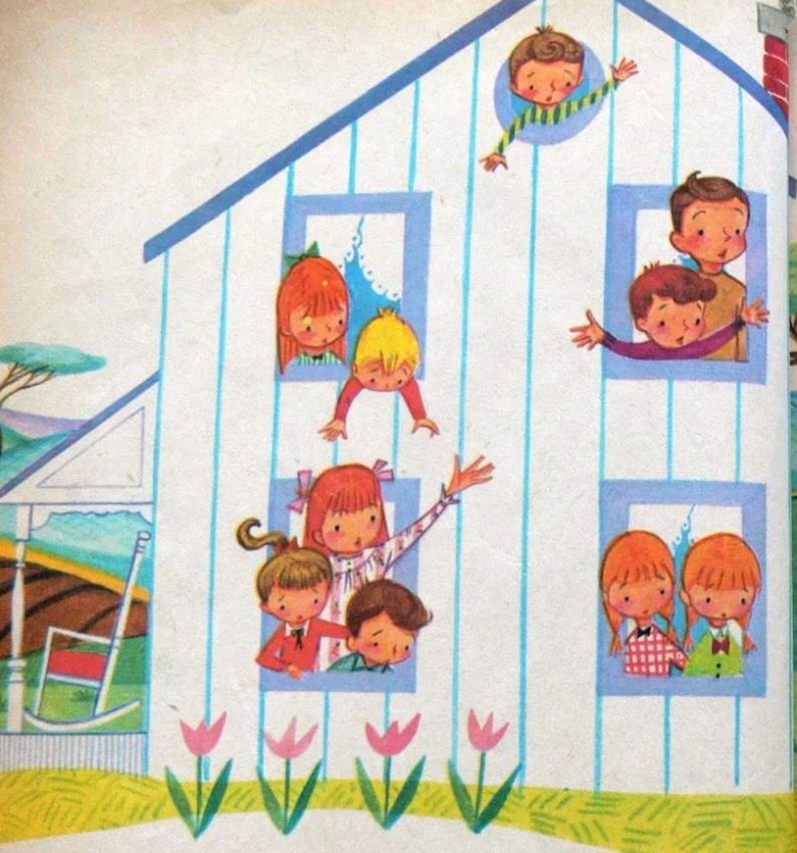
Corky led Bimbo out of the circus grounds. "It's no use, Bimbo," he said. "I guess we'll never get a chance to do our act."



After they had walked a while, Bimbo was thirsty. He stopped to drink some water from a stream.



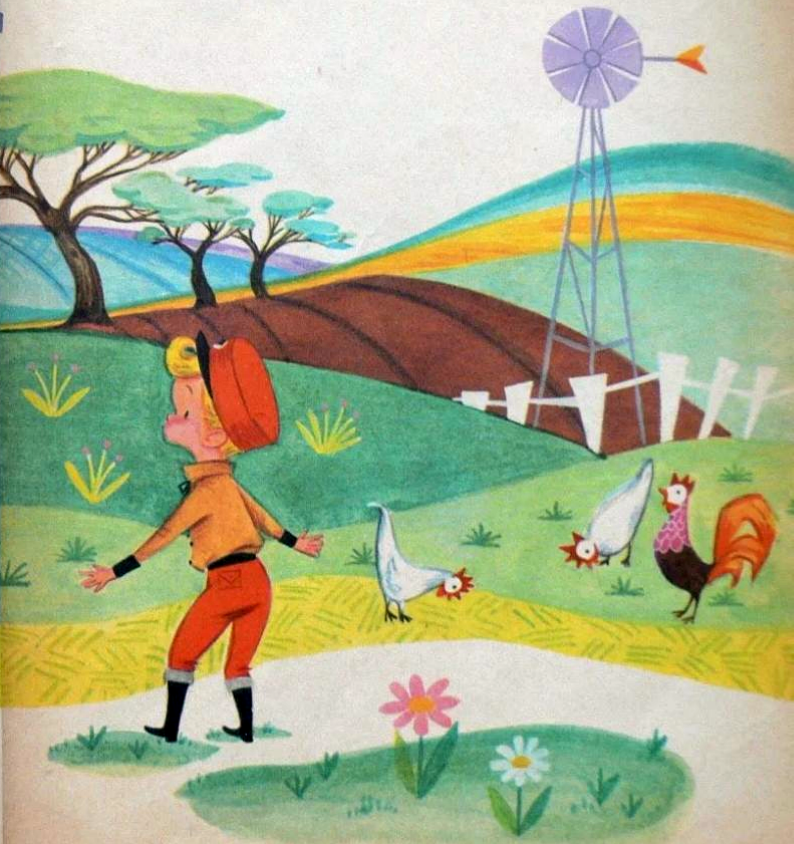
Corky went on—and then he stopped, too. A wad of paper came flying through the air at his head. It didn't hurt, but it was surprising.

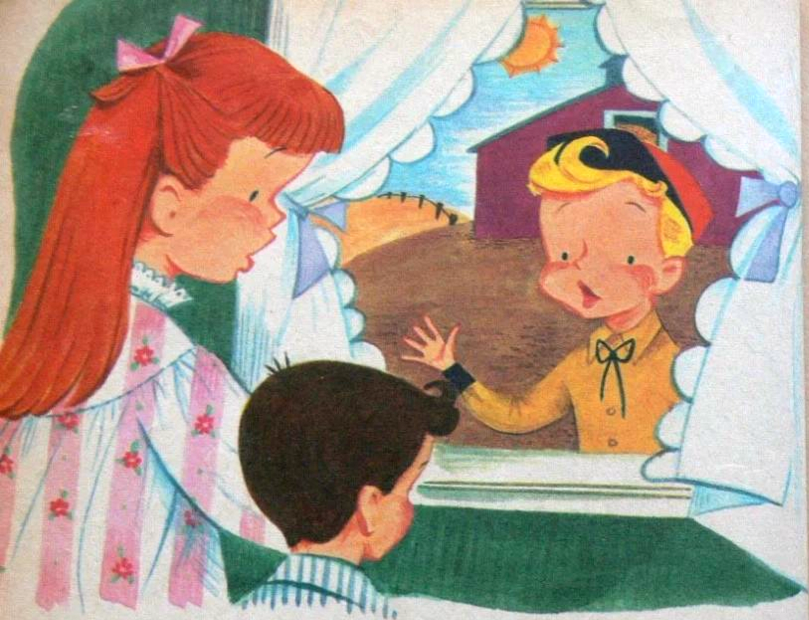


Corky looked at the house. There seemed to be children at every window. Some were boys and some were girls. They were all shouting at once.

"Why aren't you at the circus?" they asked.

"Why aren't you there yourselves?" Corky asked. "And who are you anyway?"

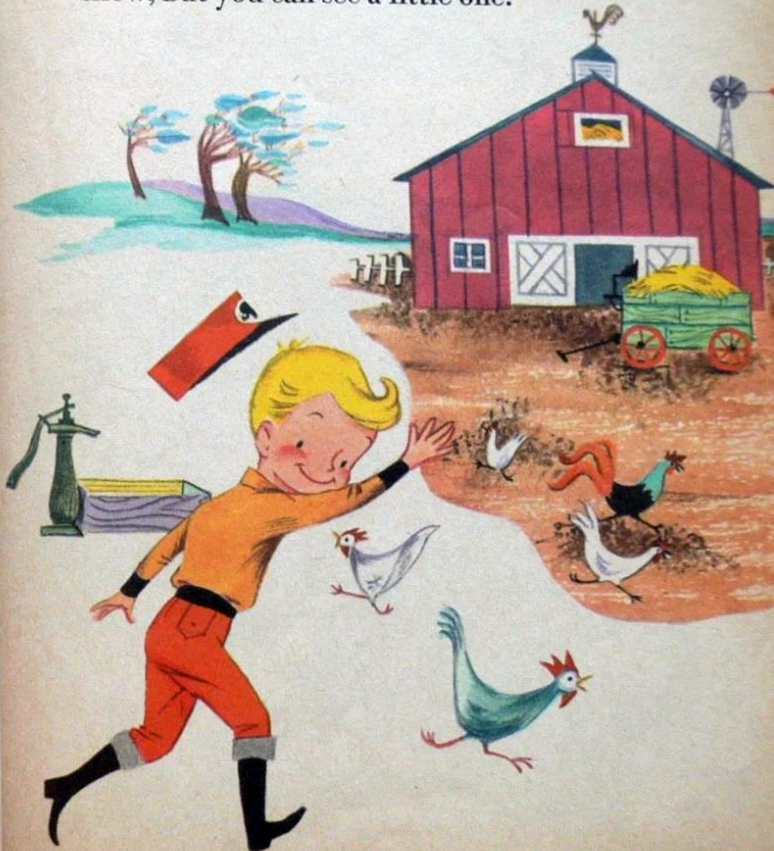




One of the girls answered, "We're the Jones children—all ten of us. We were supposed to go to the circus, and then we got the measles. We're all better now, but we're not allowed out for two more days."

And the younger children began to cry. "We want to see the circus! We want to see the circus!" they said.

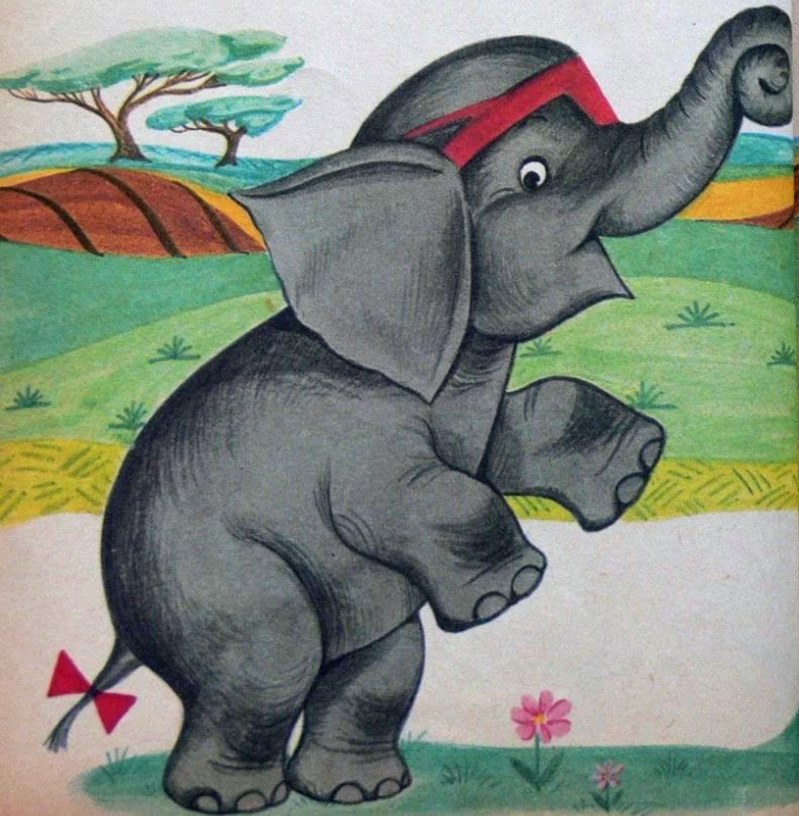
"Please don't cry," Corky said, starting to run toward the barn. "Maybe you can't see the big show, but you can see a little one!"

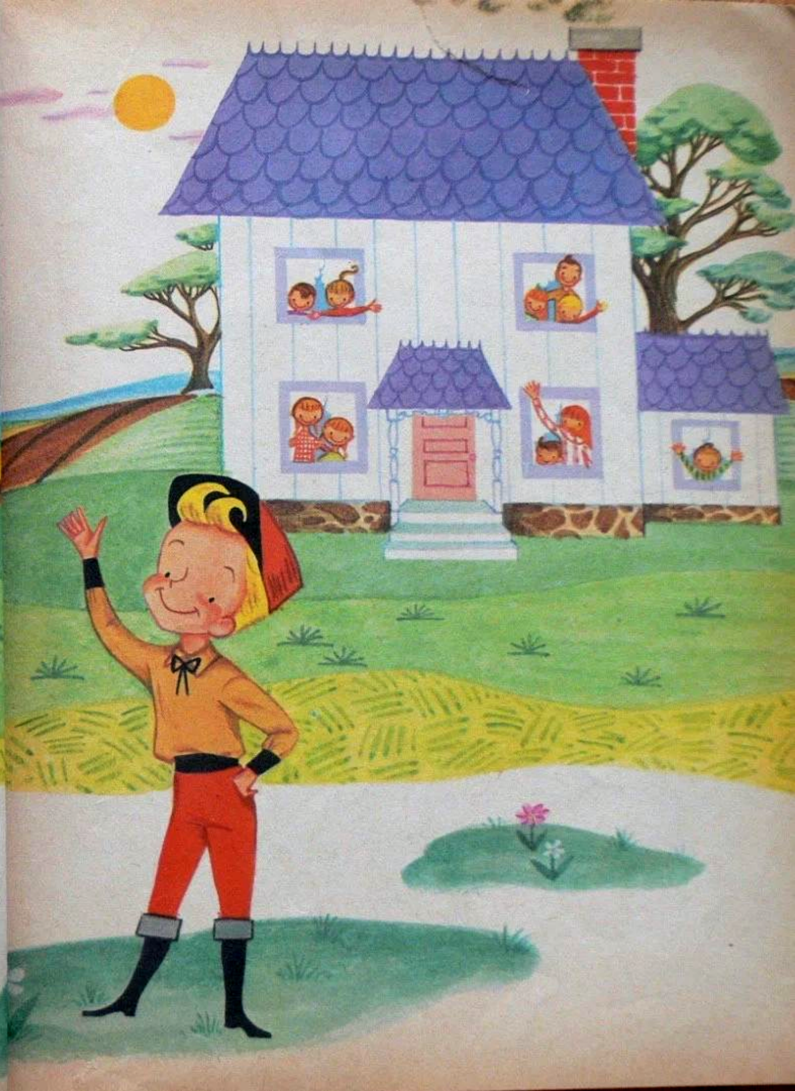


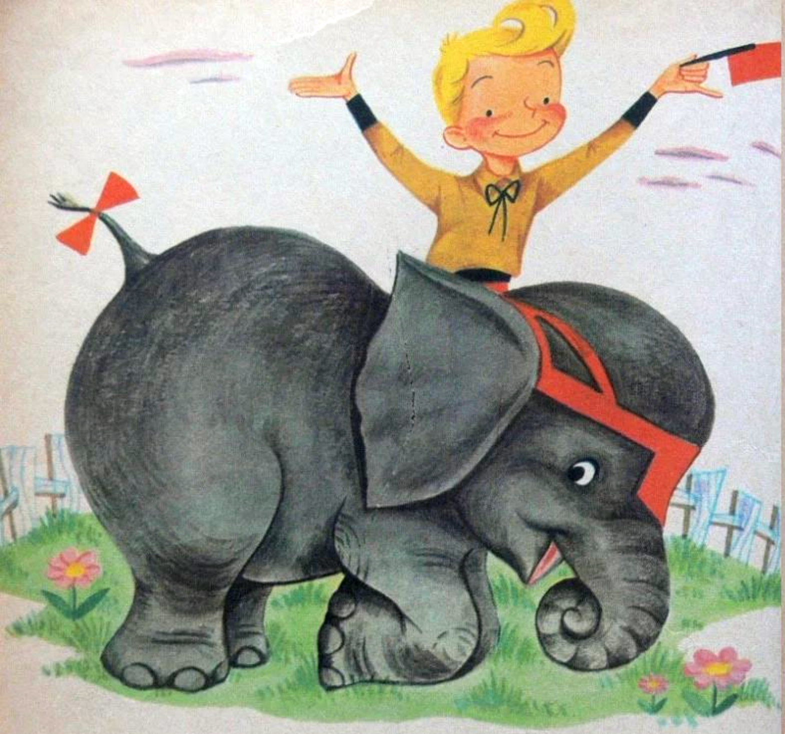
Corky was soon back with Bimbo.

"Ladies and gentlemen!" he said. "Presenting Corky and Bimbo in the greatest little circus on earth! Sit back, folks, the show is about to begin!"

And while the Jones children watched from the windows, Corky and Bimbo did their stunts.





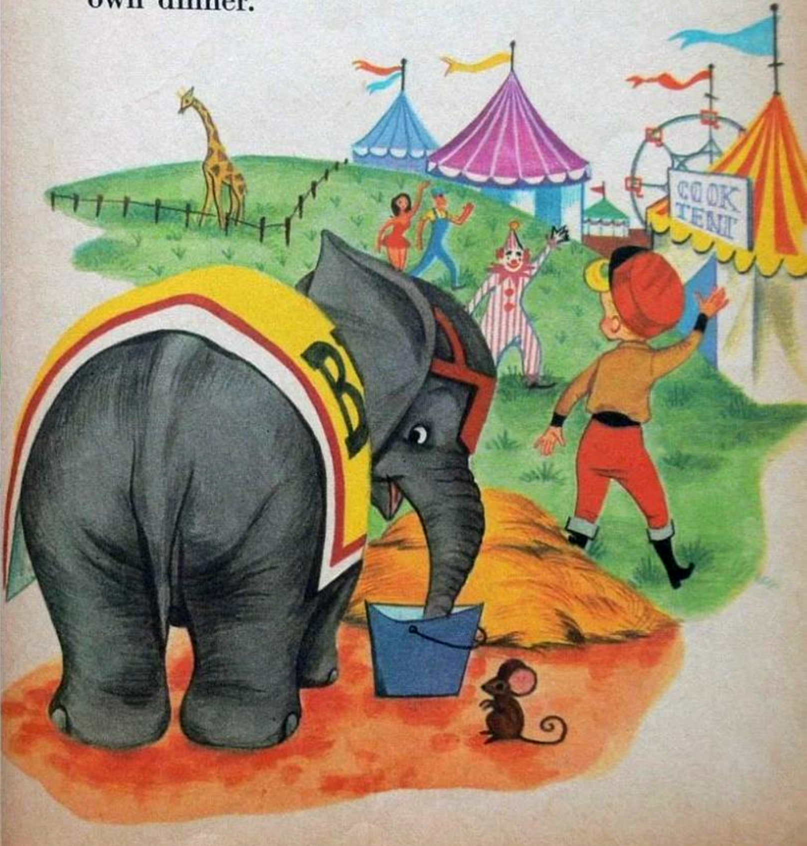


The children clapped and cheered. They cheered even more when the act was over, and Corky and Bimbo bowed.

"Thank you, Corky!" the Jones children called. "Thank you, Bimbo! That was wonderful!"

When they got back to the circus grounds, Corky gave Bimbo some hay and water, and scratched his back with a stick.

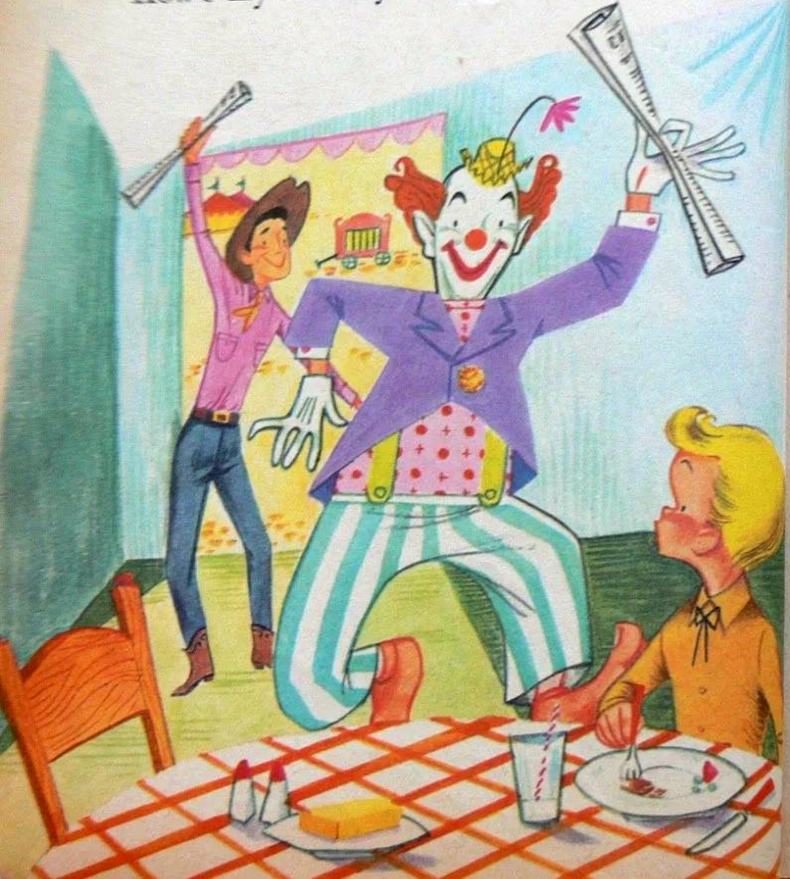
Then he hurried off to the cook tent for his own dinner.

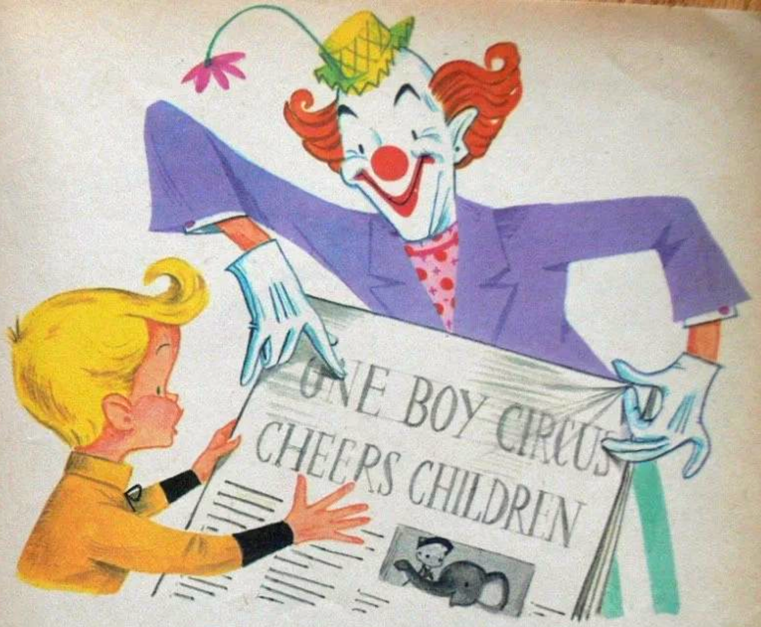


Just as Corky was finishing dinner, Joey and Big Tim came rushing over to the tent.

Joey was waving a newspaper in his hand, and grinning from ear to ear.

"How's my one-boy circus?" he said.





Joey held up the newspaper for Corky to see the headlines. Underneath was a picture of Corky and Bimbo doing their act.

"Who—how did they know?" gasped Corky.

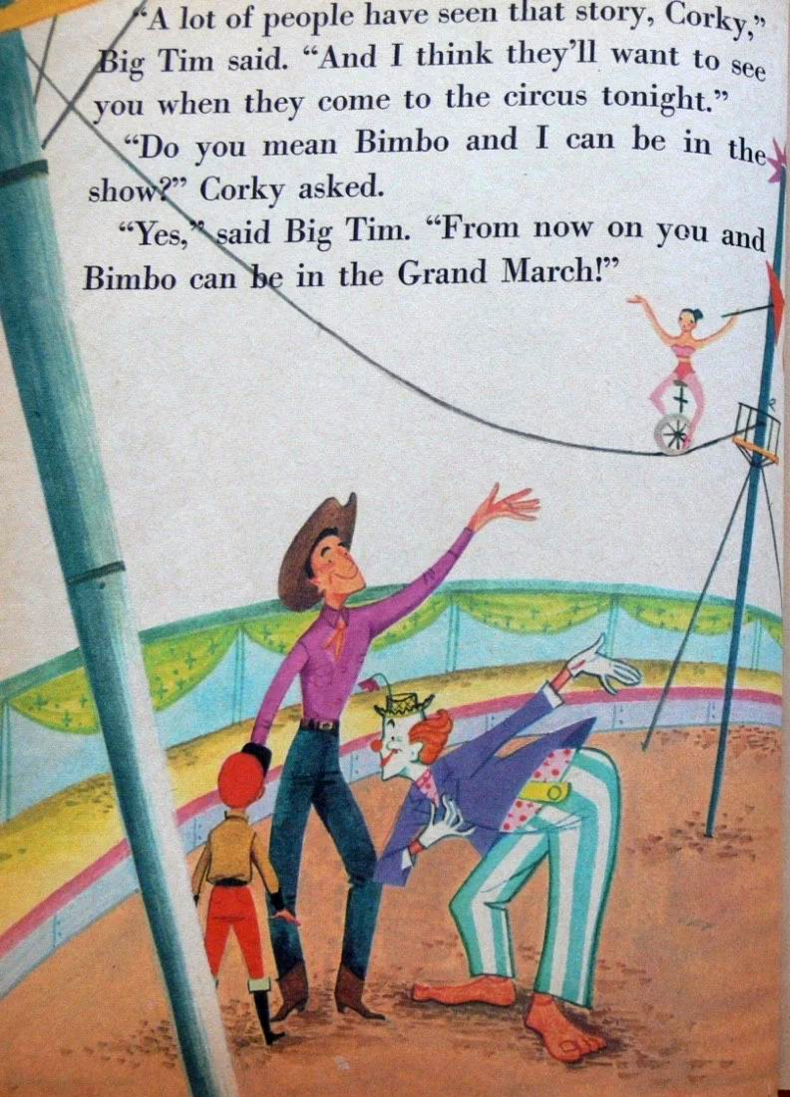
"Well, this newspaper happens to belong to a Mr. Jones," said Big Tim. "And Mr. Jones has got ten good reporters home with the measles—"

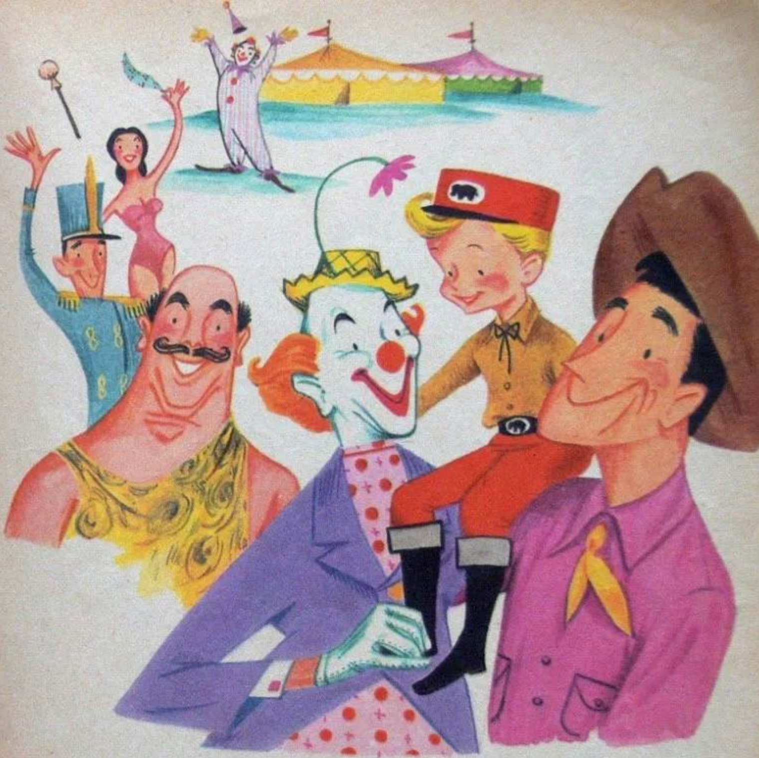
"And a camera," added Joey.

"A lot of people have seen that story, Corky," Big Tim said. "And I think they'll want to see you when they come to the circus tonight."

"Do you mean Bimbo and I can be in the show?" Corky asked.

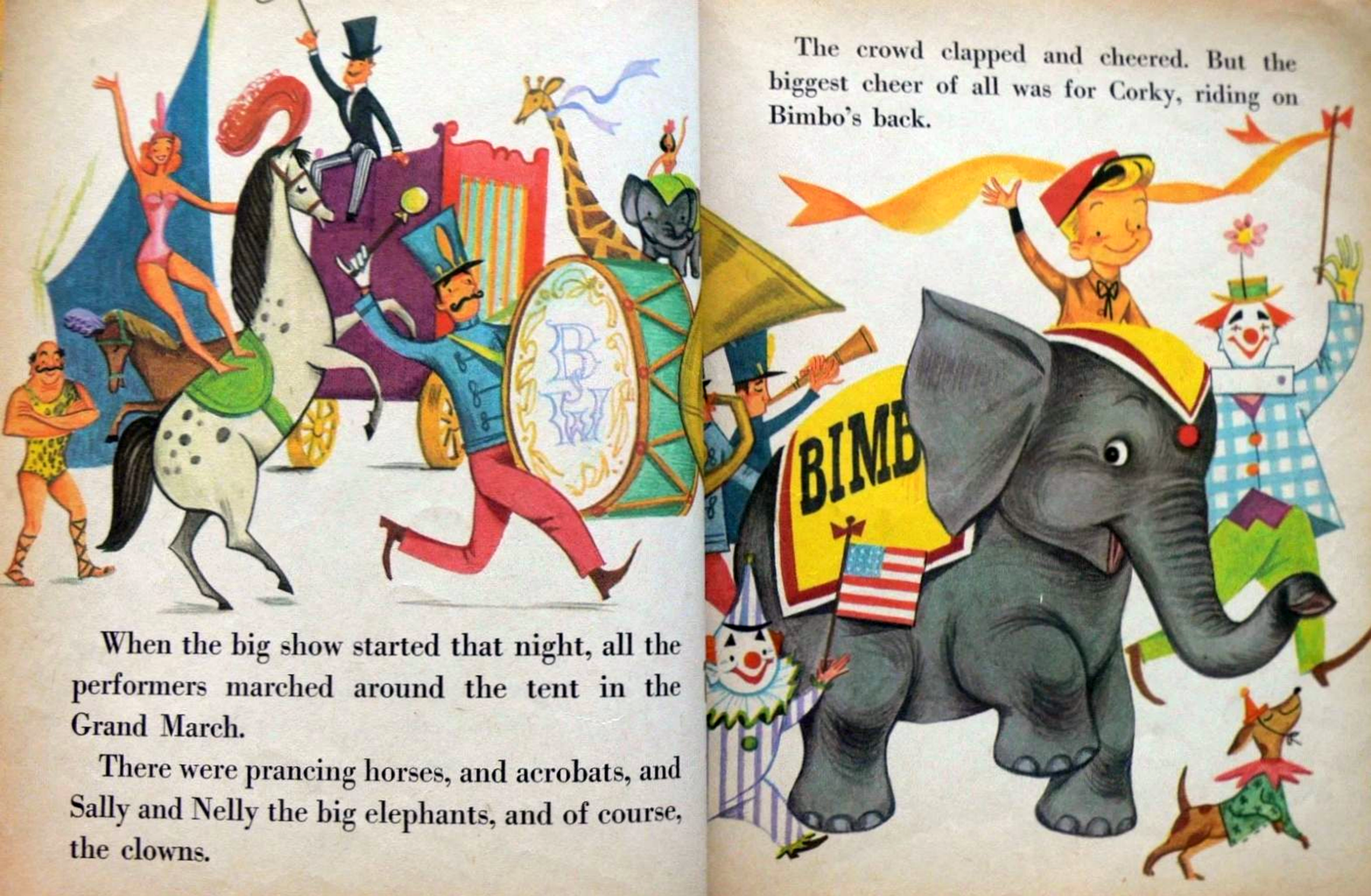
"Yes," said Big Tim. "From now on you and Bimbo can be in the Grand March!"





"Hurray!" shouted Corky.

All the circus people came to hear what the noise was about. And when Big Tim told them, they cheered and shouted, and carried Corky on their shoulders around the circus grounds.



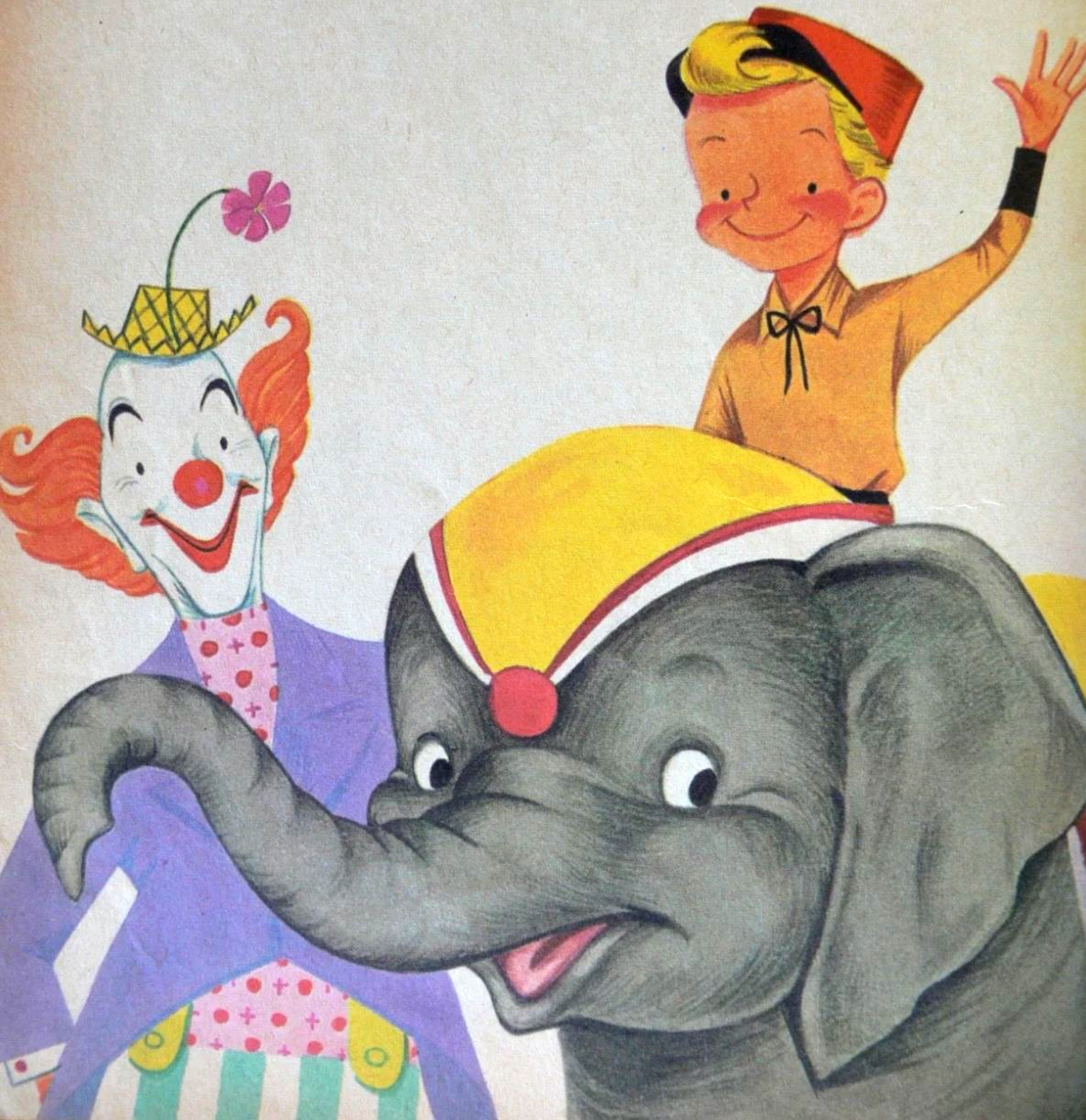
When the big show started that night, all the performers marched around the tent in the Grand March.

There were prancing horses, and acrobats, and Sally and Nelly the big elephants, and of course, the clowns.

The crowd clapped and cheered. But the biggest cheer of all was for Corky, riding on Bimbo's back.

Bimbo trumpeted proudly.

But Corky was too happy to make a sound. Maybe he was only in the Grand March, but he was a real circus boy at last.



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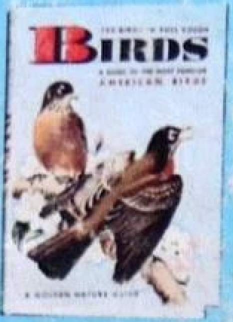

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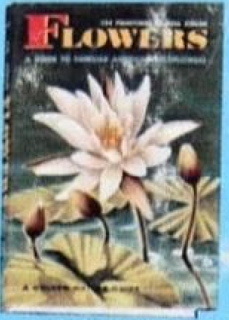

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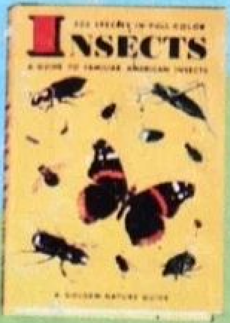

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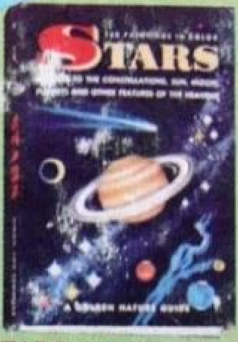

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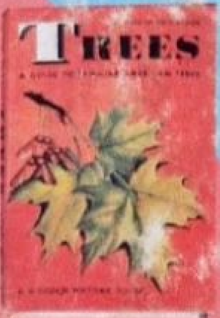

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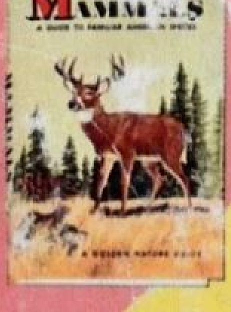

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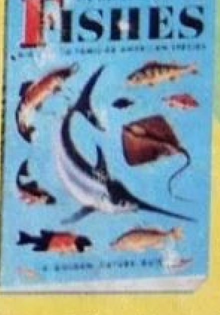

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